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July 2, 2012

Jocelyn Boyd
Chief Clerk and Administrator
South Carolina Public Service Commission
101 Executive Center Drive, Suite 100
Columbia, South Carolina 29210

via overnight delivery

Re: **Docket No. 2000-230-C:** Application of Affinity Network, Incorporated d/b/a QuantumLink Communications d/b/a VoIP Communications d/b/a Optic Communications for a Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity to Provide Resold and Facilities-Based Local Exchange Telecommunications Services within the State of South Carolina and for Flexible Regulation

Docket No. 2012-0253-C -- Petition of the Office of Regulatory Staff for Commission to Order a Rule to Show Cause as to Why the Certificates of Public Convenience and Necessity for Certain Providers of Telecommunications Services Should Not Be Revoked for Failure to Comply with Regulation 103-607 (Bond)

Request of Affinity Network, Incorporated for Cancellation of its Competitive Local Exchange Carrier Certificate and Tariff

Dear Ms. Boyd,

With this letter, Affinity Network, Incorporated d/b/a QuantumLink Communications d/b/a VoIP Communications d/b/a Optic Communications ("ANI") respectfully requests that its above-referenced Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity to provide competitive local exchange telecommunications services in South Carolina and its associated local exchange services tariff be cancelled. ANI also holds authority to provide interexchange telecommunications services and does not wish to cancel this authority or the Company's interexchange services tariff. The Company asks that this request be filed within both of the above-noted dockets.

ANI was granted authority by the Commission to provide competitive local exchange services on September 5, 2000 in Docket 2000-230-C (Order No. 2000-732). The Company's plan to deliver local exchange services in South Carolina never reached fruition. ANI has no local exchange service customers in South Carolina and does not anticipate making further effort to enter the South Carolina local services market. For this reason, it will serve the interests of both ANI and the Commission to cancel the Company's local exchange services authority and associated tariff. Additional support for this decision is presented by the fact that ANI is under



ANI's interexchange service authority was granted by the Commission in Docket No. 1991-147-C on June 17, 1991 (Order 1991-514).

review in Docket No. 2012-0253-C in connection with the Regulation 103-607 bond requirement for local exchange carriers. Given ANI's current operating plans, which do not include provision of residential local exchange service, compliance with the bond requirement going forward would serve no practical purpose. Pursuant to discussion with ORS Staff, it is ANI's hope that following grant of its request to surrender its local exchange authority, the Company may be dismissed from the show cause proceeding.

Because ANI actively provides interexchange services in South Carolina and intends to continue these operations, the Company underscores that this request applies solely to its local exchange services authorization and tariff.

Enclosed please find five (5) copies and a duplicate of this letter. Please date-stamp the duplicate upon receipt and return it in the stamped pre-addressed envelope provided. Should the Commission have any questions with respect to this request, please contact me by phone at (702) 547-8486 or via email at <u>jrenneker@aninetworks.com</u> Thank you for your assistance with this matter.

Sincerely,

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Director of Regulatory Affairs

cc: James M. McDaniel, Office of Regulatory Staff